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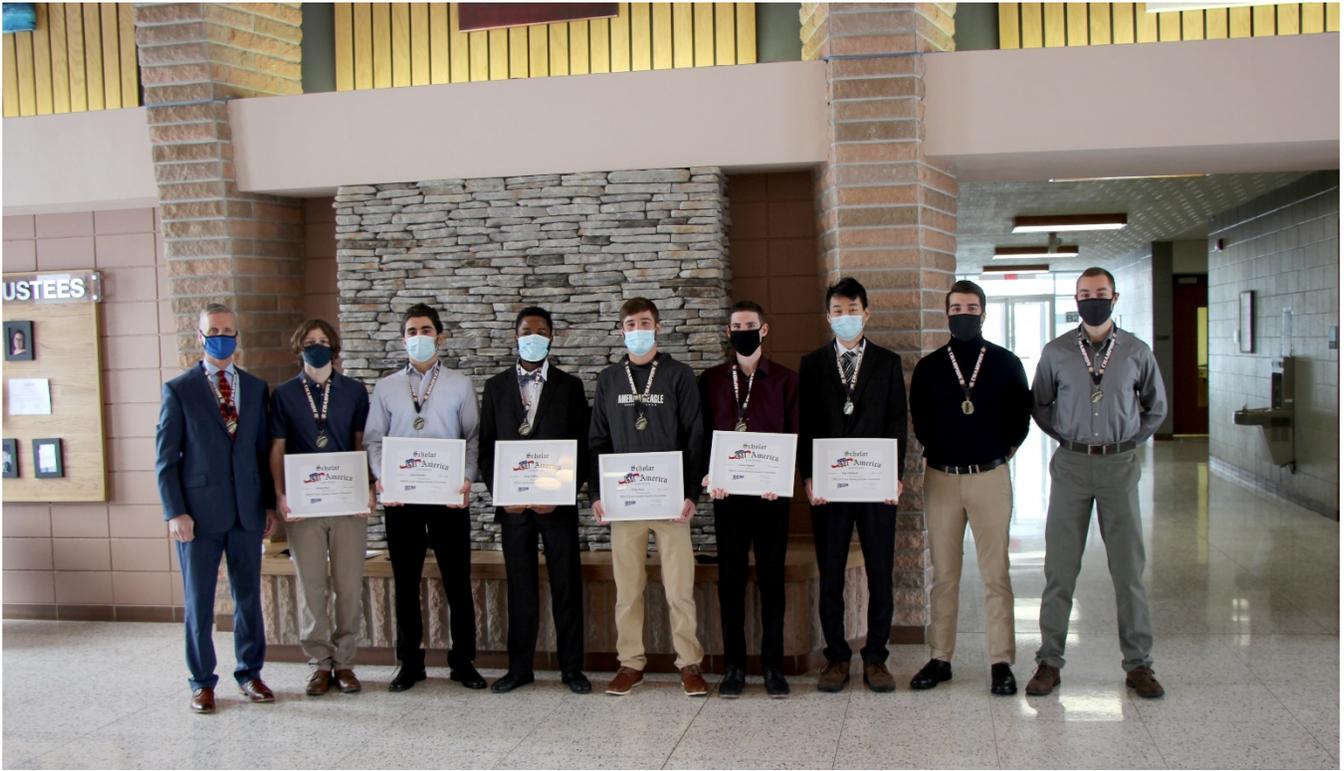
## **ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM EARNS ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

ALPENA, MICH. — The Alpena Community College Cross Country Team has earned Academic All-American honors for the sixth consecutive year. In addition to the Team Academic All-American status, six individual athletes received Individual Academic All-American honors: Connor Bagnell, Rony Demirkol, Musa Kabbah, Yuki Nishibashi, Teddy Peters, and Duncan Ross.

In order to receive Academic All-American honors, a team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and individuals must have a 3.4 GPA. With a cumulative team GPA of 3.85, the Lumberjacks placed first in the nation out of all junior colleges.

Coach Jacobs is proud of the achievements of his athletes and applauds their efforts in their sport as well as in the classroom. "Cross Country is not an easy sport and to balance high achievements on the course and in the classroom speaks volumes of these young men. They do things the right way all of the time. Every single one of these young men have a very bright future ahead of them!"

President MacMaster further acknowledged the success of the program. "Coach Jacobs and his team of remarkable scholar-athletes reached an historic goal this season--academic All-Americans for a sixth straight season and Number 1 in the nation in grade point average. I couldn't be more proud of this accomplishment. They focused on this most important goal on Day 1, put their hearts into it, and made it happen. The community should be immensely proud of this great group of young men. Coach Jacobs proved once again that he is one of the finest coaches in America, and a true credit to ACC. Thanks to all these fine athletes for doing the right thing the right way. Congratulations from all of us at ACC!"



From left: Coach Mark Jacobs, Duncan Ross, Rony Demirkol, Musa Kabbah, Teddy Peters, Connor Bagnell, Yuki Nishibashi, Nate Robey, and John Siegert.

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